

THE FOCUS

CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

MILFORD, NH

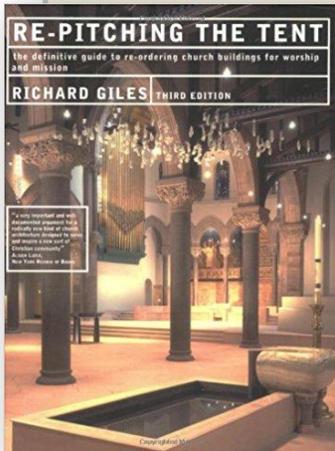
MARCH 2018

FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Members and Friends,

We are in the midst of Lent and we are called to practice “repentance”. Repentance, of course, means to change our minds; to reconsider long held beliefs to see if they are still true or even relevant. I have a case in point for you and if you don’t like change then don’t read any further. However, if you can consider change without getting the “heebie and jeebies” or “the screaming habdabs” then please read on.

As we mentioned at the Annual Meeting, I am preparing for a “Refresher Leave” later this year (from August 19 – November 30). I have decided to focus attention on two forms of church architecture: the interior of the church building and the liturgy we use to express our faith. These two facets of our life together help to form our interior spirituality and they help us to express to others outside our community what we hold most dear.



As a beginning I’ve started to read Re-Pitching the Tent by Richard Giles. This is a fascinating work – easy to read – about the history of church architecture and how it influenced our theology and our view of the world. Though I have come across many of the ideas in this book over the years, I’ve not seen it put together in such a fresh way. Professor Giles has been working with many churches in England and America as they “re-imagine” the space and use of their sacred spaces even as many churches are closing in both countries. What is most surprising and exciting is that what churches are re-discovering is the very beginning of Christianity and the Jesus Movement. This movement began with all members of the Christian community on an equal footing where all participated and were welcomed. This is a far cry from the later development of an elite clerical class and architecture that divided the community in ranks of spirituality. The central element of the churches historical development centered on the placement of the “Communion Table” or as it later became known “the

Altar” where a *sacrifice* had to be made. Our church – and countless others in the diocese -- is a reflection of this later post-Constantinian church architecture; it is decidedly not a reflection of the early Christian church.

What is most exciting now is that while the culture around us seems more and more to reject the church of hierarchy and power, it seems curious and even excited about the early church of community, equality and spiritual depth.

How we form our space says much about what we believe. That is what I will explore on my refresher leave. I want to see and experience what others are doing and bring back that information to you. Change is in the air. It is not a change for something new, but for something very ancient that we seem to have forgotten along the way.

Continues...

...from the Rector, continued

Professor Giles explores all these topics in his work. I'd encourage you to join me in learning about how we form the architectures of our lives and then how they, in turn, form us. Any ultimate decision about how you form the interior space here at Our Saviour is up to you, not me. Yet, I'll bet that you will be surprised if you read Re-Pitching the Tent and will want to learn more.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you,

Hank +

Crossing the Bridge



Recently Pack 421 had their Blue and Gold Banquet, where the Cub Scouts have worked on numerous badges, belt loops, and activity pins to complete the requirements to cross the bridge on to a Boy Scout Troop where they can continue the BSA program. Pack 421 crossed over 7 very excited boys to Troop 407. Four of these boys completed 37 different achievements and received a Super Achiever Award.

Father Hank was in attendance for the ceremony and blessing. Being a committee member of Pack 421, I can assure you all, how much they appreciate Church of Our Saviour for all that we do, and the support for all the many years we have been their Chartered Organization.





Holy Week and Easter Service schedule

Passion (Palm) Sunday – March 25

8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms, Music
and Holy Eucharist - Rite II

Tuesday in Holy Week – March 27

6:30 p.m. Evening Lenten Program

Wednesday in Holy Week – March 28

11:30 a.m. Lunch & Lectionary

Maundy Thursday – March 29

7:00 p.m. Choral Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar
9:00 p.m. Gethsemane Watch (until 9 a.m. Good Friday)

Good Friday – March 30

12 Noon Milford Clergy Association Good Friday Service
at Milford Methodist Church (North River Rd.)
Noon - 3:00 p.m. Church is open for prayer and meditation
7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

Easter Eve – March 31

7:00 p.m. The Great Vigil and first Eucharist of Easter

Easter Day – April 1

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Hymns
10:00 a.m. Festival Choral Eucharist



Bring those bells!

You are invited to bring a bell, small or large, loud or tinkly, to the 7:00 p.m. service on Easter Eve, March 31. We will light the New Fire of Easter, process the Paschal (Easter) Candle to the strains of the glorious chant, *Exsultet*, hear the marvelous stories of God's work in salvation history and then ring those bells as we celebrate the First Eucharist of Easter.



Easter Memorial Prayers

Again this Easter, instead of parishioners paying for the spring flowers, lilies and children's flowers that will decorate our church on Easter Sunday, April 1st, we are inviting you to let us have the names of your beloved departed so that we may join you in remembering them at Easter. Forms can be found in the Sunday bulletin or attached to the FOCUS and Wednesday Notes. Names must be received no later than March 25th. Please know that there is no cost associated with these memorial prayers.

If you would like to make a free will donation in whatever amount, these funds will be used by the Altar Guild for the flowers. Envelopes for your donation can be found in the Narthex; checks made payable to CoOS with "Easter Flowers" in the memo line.

Café Eucharist - This Sunday - March 4th at 10 o'clock

Join us for discussion, fellowship and an informal Holy Communion

"Through My Eyes" Lenten Series

A time of listening - hearing from those with unique experiences.

Tuesday evenings during Lent 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Here is the Schedule:

- March 6 The Rev. Stephen Blackmer, Vicar
The Church in the Woods,
Canterbury, NH
- March 13 Assisi Fellows
- March 20 Kim Chabot - District Court
- March 27 TBA

Soup & Bread Supper will be offered

Easter Flower Deliveries

We will be bringing Easter plants to several of our parishioners during the week after Easter. We will need help in distributing them to those who are shut-in, ill, grieving or need a pick-up at this time of year.

The sign-up sheet will be on the table in the Akerman Room from March 14th – 28th. If you are available to bring a plant to someone, please sign-up next to that person's name and deliver the plant sometime during the week after Easter.

Once you take the plant please check off to show that the plant has been distributed.



Save the date ... and save your stuff

It's March already, and that means spring is on its way, and summer cannot be far behind. And *that* means it is time for another **rummage sale**, a glorious opportunity to clear your closets and to help the community in two ways: We provide affordable clothing and household items to those who need them, and we return the income from the sale to the community through our many outreach efforts. Last year's two rummage sales contributed more than \$1500 to our outreach budget.

First, put the dates on your calendar: Friday and Saturday, **April 13 and 14.**

Then, start cleaning your closets and cupboards and cabinets. Tell your neighbors we'll accept their donations, too.



Holy Baptism

Sean F

February 4, 2018

Welcome Newcomers

Sean F.

Brookline, NH

Jackie & Kevin H

Milford, NH

FROM THE VESTRY



Almost invariably, when asked what they value about our parish, people respond with some variation on the theme of friendliness, welcoming, a sense of community.

Those are high on my own list, too. I like to be recognized, and to have others greet me by name. I make an effort to meet those I do not know, and sometimes (sometimes surreptitiously) write down their names after we've introduced ourselves. It helps me to remember, and to avoid that subsequent awkwardness: "I know we spoke a couple of weeks ago, but, umm, errr, what is your name?"

We have welcomed a number of new people to our parish this year. (If we were not in Lent, I might say "*Alleluia!*") While those of us who have been around for a while have to learn a few new names, the newer folks have dozens.



Wouldn't it be easier if we all had nametags?

Your Vestry thinks so. Not the ones on strings that are impossible to extricate from the tangled web on the hooks. Instead we have magnetic name tag holders. No strings, no pins. Just a two-piece magnet, one attached to the nametag, and one to go inside your jacket or sweater or on the back of your lapel. You might have noticed members of the Vestry have been wearing theirs for the last few weeks.

The new nametags will be stored on the wall in the Narthex near the coat rack, easy to retrieve as you enter for services. We will have some to identify guests and visitors, too.

We know nametags are not universally adored, but we encourage you use them anyway.

How much easier it would be if each time you spoke to someone, you could see his name, and speak his name, and soon enough, remember his name.

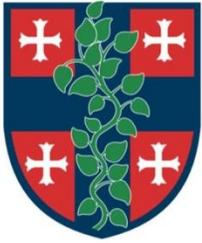
How much more welcomed might a newcomer feel if she could engage in conversation without having to struggle to learn the names of everyone to whom she spoke?

Use of nametags is an easy way to extend our hospitality to visitors and newcomers, and to that couple who has been here for three or four months ... What's their name, again?

Look for the nametags. Give them a try. (We will keep some strings for those of you with pacemakers whose doctors say "No magnets.")

Elizabeth R, *Warden*

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March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 9:00 Centering Prayer Group 7:00 Adult Choir	2 7:00 WC Comedy Night at the Amato Center, Milford	3
4 <i>Lent 3</i> 10:00 Café Eucharist	5	6 6:30 Lenten Program	7 11:30 Holy Eucharist / Bible Study	8 9:00 Centering Prayer Group 7:00 Adult Choir	9	10
11 <i>Lent 4</i> <i>Daylight Saving Time Begins</i>	12	13 6:30 Lenten Program 6:30 Workcamp 2019 Meeting	14 11:30 Holy Eucharist / Bible Study 6:30 Executive Committee	15 9:00 Centering Prayer Group 7:00 Adult Choir	16	17 No Women's Group Luncheon planned this month at this time
18 <i>Lent 5</i>	19	20 6:30 Lenten Program	21 10:00 Crestwood 11:30 Holy Eucharist / Bible Study 6:30 Vestry	22 9:00 Centering Prayer Group 7:00 Adult Choir	23	24
25 PALM SUNDAY April FOCUS Deadline	26	27 6:30 Lenten Program 7:00 Southern Convocation @ TBD	28 11:30 Holy Eucharist / Bible Study	29 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 9:00 Centering Prayer Group 7:00 Choral Eucharist & Stripping of Altar 9:00 Gethsemane Watch	30 <i>Good Friday</i> Gethsemane Watch continues until 9 am 12:00 <i>Good Friday Service at MUMC</i> Noon-3:00 CoOS open for prayer 7:00 <i>Good Friday Service</i>	31 <i>Holy Saturday</i> 7:00 the Great Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter

<p>Our normal Sunday schedule...</p> <p>September — June</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 9:45 a.m. Nursery 10:00 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist</p>	<p>Community groups using Church of Our Saviour....</p> <p>Scout Pack 42 I</p> <p>Den Meetings: Mondays 6:00-7:30 p.m. Thursdays 6:00-7:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Alcoholics Anonymous</p> <p>7 days a week 6:30 a.m. Friday 8:00 p.m. Sunday (men) 5:30 p.m. (women) 7:00 p.m.</p>
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On the Calendar in Early April:

Easter Sunday
 Sunday, April 1 – services at 8 & 10 a.m.

Thank you

Dear Church of our Saviour,
 Thank you so much for your generous donation to our program. Your donation will be extremely helpful to pursuing our mission to support formerly incarcerated women reintegrate society successfully. Again, we cannot thank you enough for your support.

With kindness,
 Dismas Home of NH

SHARE thanks CoOS for our two separate donations totalling \$1,990.26 of which \$595.92 was designated for Children’s Enrichment Activities saying “We’re happy to have funds to spend on the kids!”

The Family Promise of Greater Nashua at Anne-Marie House thanks CoOS for our recent gift of \$200.

March Birthdays

- 4 Doris M
- 6 Karl N
- 17 Sam L
- 18 Alvan H
- 20 Ann H
- 21 Lu A
- 27 Glenna T
Jamie T
- 30 Katherine B
- 31 Grace C

Early April Birthdays

- 2 Jenny L
Danielle K
- 3 Leslie A
- 4 Isabella A
- 6 McKinley W
- 7 Fred R

If you don't see your birthday or anniversary listed please contact the parish office with your information.

TREASURER’S REPORT

<i>January</i>	2018	Budget	YTD 2018	YTD Budget
<i>Pledge Income</i>	\$16,641.00	\$15,290.00	\$181,482.00	\$ 183,482.00
<i>Other Income</i>	\$ 7,231.18	\$ 5,759.00	\$ 31,444.82	\$ 25,275.00
<i>Total Income</i>	\$3,872.18	\$21,049.00	\$212,926.82	\$ 208,757.00
<i>Total Expenses</i>	\$16,509.45	\$17,363.00	\$202,461.62	\$ 208,757.00
<i>Surplus(Deficit)</i>	\$ 7,362.73	\$ 3,686.00	\$ 10,465.20	\$ -

Parishioners e-mail List

If you’re not on our list and would like to be able to receive our “Wednesday Notes” or other important parish news as it happens, please contact the parish office at 673-3309 or e-mail us at office@coosmilford.org.



OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Forming community through Christ;
serving community in Christ.



Sunday Schedule

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist
9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal
9:45 AM Nursery Care
10:00 AM Choral Holy Eucharist

Weekday Schedule

Wed, 11:30 AM
Holy Eucharist, Lectionary at Lunch

Office Hours

8:30 –3:30 Mon, Weds, Fri

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